

THE TRUE DEMOCRAT.

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Kissimmee Appreciated.

Here we are "away down south" in beautiful Kissimmee that nestles lovingly along the curving shore of its sparkling lake. Kissimmee, with its dark green orange groves untainted by frost, and thickly laden with its golden fruit. Kissimmee, with her broad, clean streets bordered with fresh green Bermuda grass; her big-hearted, hospitable men and cultivated and accomplished ladies; her soft and balmy atmosphere and blue unclouded skies. We left Tallahassee at 4 a. m. December 26th, where the earth was white with frost as far as the eye could reach, and arrived in this emerald city of South Florida at 8:15 p. m., where the air was so mild that an overcoat was not needed. We were kindly and hospitably received and taken to the Park Hotel for the night, where all our wants were anticipated by Brother Gardner and his estimable wife and daughters. Our next afternoon the good people of our church prepared a dainty and enticing supper at the comfortable parsonage, and we were duly installed and invited to make ourselves at home. Brother Myres, our predecessor, left everything in good shape for us to take up the work where he laid it down. Not the least of his legacies was an excellent choir organized last year, whose singing inspired us for preaching our first sermon and went far towards dissipating the diffidence usually attending a first effort before a new and strange congregation. Last Saturday Brother Lawler, our active and energetic presiding elder, came, full of zeal and the Holy Ghost, and preached two strong and spiritual sermons on Sunday, and held our first quarterly conference on Monday. We have as noble a set of stewards as I have ever seen, all active, up-to-date, progressive business men, who know the preacher's needs and anticipate them. With such a board, the financial problem loses most of its terrors. My earnest prayer is that I may have grace and knowledge given me to worthily wear the mantle of the good and noble men who have preceded me here.—Rev. J. L. Woodward in Christian Advocate.

The South and Mr. Bryan.

If Mr. Bryan is the nominee of the Democratic party this year, he will be chosen by the South and on the South must rest the responsibility of his candidacy. He is not in high favor with the West and the South has the votes in the convention to name any one of a half a dozen candidates. To admit that the Southern states disagree among themselves is to confess that solidarity is broken at last—a confession that carries with it a weakness much more dangerous than the election of a Republican president. Our wisest leaders consented to the inauguration of a Republican not elected by the votes of the people on condition that the South be allowed local self-government. Having paid a penalty so grievous it would be a crime to lose the fruits of that surrender.

Since she can defeat Mr. Bryan she must accept responsibility for his nomination, and we hope she will not try to evade the issue. It is all right to nominate Mr. Bryan if the South wants him. We grant that other states want him too, but we deny that the others can hope to nominate him without the South. But let us have the manhood to say he is our candidate or that he is not, to charge that his nomination means defeat and yet to accept that nomination as inevitable is a frame of mind unworthy of us and our section. We accept the duty of voting for the nominee, but we insist that we fight to the last, with or without hope, to make that nomination exactly what our judgment approves and our hearts dictate. Reasons of expediency do not appeal to the South. We tried that in accepting Horace Greely and deserved ignominious defeat in so doing, whether our candidate deserved defeat or not.

The South must get together. Its industrial hope as well as political hope warns us against divisions. Threats of cutting down our representation and of making still further inroads on the rights of the States are already heard in Washington, and it is only when the South furnishes a phalanx of opposition that the war against the constitution is threatened with possible defeat. Public opinion is influenced by all sorts of attacks on the South. Special detectives are sent to our section charged with the duty of furnishing ammunition for the war made on the law as our fathers made it and when the defense weakens in the South the efforts will be redoubled. Those who practice and live by political slavery discover a few instances of peonage and a whole people is declared guilty without trial by presidential proclamation. The sympathy offered the negro peon is never extended to the negro bought in convention and chained to political slavery by federal officials.

The hypocrisy of these attacks is self-evident. But when Bryanism boasts of its identity with Roosevelt, the South is warned to discriminate between its friends and foes. If to nominate Bryan be to accept Rooseveltism, then we need not commit suicide. For the one we may make ourselves responsible even in defeat; for the other we have rejected like men the seductions of authority. But let us have the manhood to name our poison. Do not let us march to the slaughter like dumb, driven cattle.—Times-Union.

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LEAP YEAR PARTY.

The Leap Year party, January 31, 1908, at the Coles home, on Clinton street, gotten up and given by a committee composed of Misses Florence Lewis, Florence Proctor and Kate Mickler, was a complete and grand success, all taking part enjoying the occasion to the fullest.

A nice program of music and many amusing games were indulged in until a late hour.

The guests present were Misses Lale Cates, Onie Zachary, Bessie Zachary, Florence Lewis, Florence Proctor, Susie Van Brunt, Lila Bryan, Lila Lake City; Rose McMay, of West; Virginia, of Columbus; Miss M. S. O'Connell, of North Carolina; Clinton, Kate Mickler, Marion Bowen, Bessie Jackson, Daisy Mullikin, Lila Bryan, Vida Gainey and Jessie Edmondson; and Messrs. P. H. Calswell, Bradford Byrd, Herbert Owens, William Bass, Clyde R. Rushton of Alabama; B. H. Bridges, H. Gunter, of Gainesville, Mr. Flint of Cincinnati, O., Mr. Spiller, of New York, R. H. Van Brunt, O. Earl Proctor, J. Will Yow, Hawk, Brown, Louis, Yow, C. D. Roberson, Ralph Gramling and J. G. Kellum.

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ELECTION.

The turpentine people seem to be much pleased with the election of Walter F. Coachman to the presidency of the Consolidated Naval Stores Company. It is expected that his election will resuscitate the business and put it back on a paying basis. And yet it is not so long ago since he was very much reviled by a few newspapers that thought they knew more about how to run the turpentine business than anyone else. When the storm comes we seem to scurry back to our safest harbors, no matter how much we may have rocked the boat when the water was smooth.—Starke Telegraph.

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Two of Florida's most prominent citizens were at the capital Wednesday—Ex-Governor Frank P. Fleming and Hon. Darnett Mays. Mr. Mays is out on his Congressional campaign, and expresses himself as being much encouraged by the results of the canvass he has thus made. This especial candidate is very popular in Leon, being largely identified with the county both in social and business interests. Mr. Mays is a sister of Justice C. B. Parkhill, and was born on the old family plantation of Tusculwilla, in Leon, property still owned by the family. Mr. Mays will undoubtedly carry his own county, and will receive a large support in Middle and West Florida.

Neglected Cold Threatens Life.

(From the Chicago Tribune.)
"Don't trifle with a cold," is good advice for prudent men and women. It may be vital in the case of a child. Proper food, good ventilation, and dry, warm clothing are the proper safeguards against colds. If they are maintained through the changeable weather of autumn, winter and spring, the chances of a surprise from ordinary colds will be slight. But the ordinary light cold will become severe if neglected, and a well established ripe cold is to the germs of diphtheria what honey is to the bee. The greatest menace to child life at this season of the year is the neglected cold." Whether it is a child or adult, the cold slight or severe, the very best treatment that can be adopted is to give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is safe and sure. The great popularity and immense sale of this preparation has been attained by its remarkable cures of this ailment. A cold never results in pneumonia when it is given. For sale by Tallahassee Drug Co.

DEAD, BUT STILL VOTING.

The names of the dead voters still remaining on the registration list in this county are truly "bones of contention" in the petition now before the County Commissioners. Nearly three hundred of these names are still upon the books, and it is contended by some that once a voter always a voter—at least until your name is stricken off by the proper authorities.

The lawyers employed in this case seem to deny the right of even God Almighty to do this. These voters have been stricken from the roll of the living, and although their burial obsequies have long since been attended and attested, it would seem from this ruling that they cannot be legally dead without first gaining the consent of the County Commissioners and the Supervisor of Registration.—Jacksonville Floridian.

Bert Barber, of Elton, Wis., says: "I have only taken four doses of your Kidney and Bladder Pills and they have done for me more than any other medicine has ever done. I am still taking the pills as I want a perfect cure." Mr. Barber refers to DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. They are sold by all druggists.

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LOCAL PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gamble are home from a visit to Tallahassee, and yesterday evening Mr. Breckenridge Gamble arrived here for a brief visit. Tallahasseeans in Jacksonville include Mr. H. O. Wood, one of that city's leading business men. He is here on business and is stopping at the Duval.

Judge William Hocker of Ocala is registered at the Everett. Judge Hocker is a member at large of the State Democratic Executive Committee, and has proven a big gun at all former meetings of the body.

Hon. Ernest Amos of Milton, Santa Rosa County, is on the ground for the meetings of the Democratic Executive Committee this morning. In the corridor of the Aragon last night he had time to shake hands with everybody, and is one of the most popular of the South Florida committeemen.

Hon. R. H. Buford of Quincy, a member at large of the State Democratic Committee, arrived in the city last night preparatory to today's meeting. He is one of the most popular of the West Florida committeemen, and has always taken an active part in Florida politics.

Adj. Gen. Clifford R. Foster arrived in the city last night from Tallahassee, and registered at the Aragon for a few days' stay.—Times-Union 11th.

Attorney General W. H. Ellis will be a passenger on the Seaboard tonight, on his way to Tallahassee. State Superintendent W. M. Holloway will also be a passenger. Mr. Holloway will stop at Jacksonville, where he will attend the meeting of the Democratic State Executive Committee. Mr. Holloway will return to Tampa Friday to attend Educational Day at the Fair. He will remain here several days.—Tampa Times, 10th.

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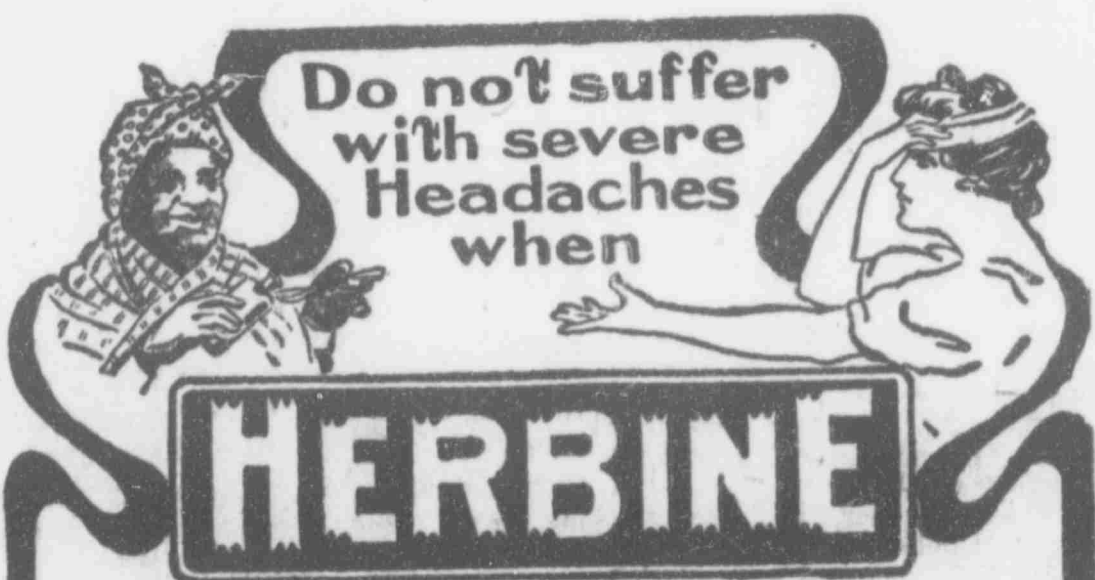
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